

BANKS—DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

MEMORIAL

OF

CITIZENS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

*In favor of rechartering the District Banks.*

JUNE 20, 1836.

Read, and laid upon the table.

*To the honorable the House of Representatives in Congress assembled:*

Firmly convinced of the importance to this community of the renewal of the charters of the two banks now existing within our town; well knowing the irreparable injury to result from the denial thereof, your memorialists, at the hazard of being deemed importunate, must again solicit the early and favorable consideration of your honorable body to the application of those institutions.

We ask it not as stockholders, being convinced that the interest of such is nothing in comparison with that we feel as proprietors of real property, and as persons engaged in commercial, mechanical, and other pursuits, within this community.

With the success of their application, we feel satisfied that the value of our property, the prosperity of our pursuits, if not the very sustenance of our people, are intimately connected, if they be not identical.

The confidence of ourselves and this entire community in those institutions has already been manifested in resolutions, adopted by our citizens, numerously assembled in town meeting, during the early part of your session, and which have already been submitted to your honorable body. We beg leave again to refer you to them, simply reiterating their every declaration in regard to those institutions.

We are not insensible of the value of your time, and the numerous matters of high national concern yet to demand it; but we are also sensible that no matter can claim your consideration, in which any portion of our happy confederacy can have a deeper interest than this people have in the subject to which we now invite your attention.

You are our *only legislators*. Upon you we can only rely for protection and legislative care. As such, we now appeal to your honorable body, soliciting (we hope not without the prospect of success) your liberal feeling to our wants, and a fair consideration of our wishes in matters in which *ourselves alone* have the greatest interest. Deny them, and desolation must be the *invariable consequence* to your memorialists.

And most respectfully, &c. &c.

[Signed by one hundred and twenty-two individuals.]

